MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I believe it is.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): What is the reason for this state of affairs?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The inadequacy of staff.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know why the Government have not taken steps to increase the staff?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is just for that that the Government have now come forward for a supplementary grant. When that is sanctioned, more teachers will be appointed.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Will the demand now made appreciably lower the average strength in the classes?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It must, necessarily.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): Will it bring down the strength to the sanctioned maximum strength?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Most probably not.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether it is due to want of money that all the grant necessary is not asked for now?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I point out to Government that it should be their policy to provide first of all for primary and secondary education before they think of improving collegiate education?

PRESIDENT: That does not arise out of your question.

*Complaint against Mr. Kunnappallil Raman Pillai, Proverthicar, Ranni.*

46. MR. JOSEPH KUNJU (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Land Revenue Commissioner has received any complaint against Mr. Kunnappallil Raman Pillai, Proverthicar, Ranni;

(*b*) if so, whether the Land Revenue Commissioner has made the necessary enquiries regarding it; and

(*c*) if so, the result?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) and (*c*). The necessary enquiry is being made.

*Concession granted to students passing out of the Agricultural Schools.*

47. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the students who pass from he Agricultural Schools are given lands and loans on favourable conditions for the formation of agricultural colonies;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the number of such students who have not yet received such help from the Government; and



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(*c*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, the reasons for the discontinuance of such concessions?

**MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI** (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There is no understanding to the effect that the students who pass out of the Agricultural Schools will be provided with lands and loans on favourable terms for the formation of agricultural colonies.

(*b*) and (*c*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), these questions do not arise.

**MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether Government have given lands to students who passed from Agricultural Schools?

**MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI** (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes, Sir. Government have sanctioned an area of 170 acres of land, from the Koni pepper farm, to be cut into 10 acre plots to be given to 17 students passing out of the Alwaye Agricultural School for carrying on scientific cultivation under the supervision of the Agricultural Department.

**MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Was the land given to the first 17 students who passed out of the Agricultural Schools?

**MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI** (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I am not quite sure whether it was the first 17 that were given these lands.

**MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartika alli*): May I know why the land was given to the students?

**MR. C N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI** (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): In order to help them to bring into existence a model colony of students trained in agriculture.

**MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Was it because Government wanted to encourage students of Agricultural Schools that the land was given?

**MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI** (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes.

**MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know then why students who have passed subsequently were not given lands?

**MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI** (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): For want of lands which could be cultivated by these students under the supervision of the Agricultural Department. It was one of the specific objects of the schemes that the Agricultural Department must be in a position conveniently to supervise the cultivation.

**MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Was there only one block of land in the whole State which could be supervised by the Agricultural Department?

**MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI** (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Students have not applied for suitable lands which could be conveniently supervised by the Department. The first colony was given land as an experimental measure.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Have these students requested the Government, by pointing out certain lands, to grant them lands under the scheme adopted by Government previously?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): A memorial was received from a batch of students, who have passed out of the Agricultural Schools, Alwaye and Kottarakara, for the grant of 1,000 acres in Kanjirapalli. But, the Director of Agriculture considered that it was not desirable or feasible to grant the request of the students, to start the colony in Changanachery.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Is it because an additional Agricultural Inspector may have to be appointed that the Government gave up the idea?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): That is also one of the reasons.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Is there any other ground for the decision of Government in the matter?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I have already explained the position, Sir.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): When the Government passed the orders had they in mind the recommendation of the Unemployment Committee in regard to the Land Colonisation Scheme?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): That scheme was sanctioned in 1926.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether Government have passed final orders in the memorial from students for 1,000 acres?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether the Report of the Unemployment Committee on this matter would be considered by Government in passing final orders on the memorial?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes.

### *Adjournment Motion.*

Mr. N. K. Krishna Pillai handed over to the President notice of an adjournment motion.

PRESIDENT: Mr. N. K. Krishna Pillai wishes to move a very long motion—I do not propose to read the whole of it—to discuss the extreme hardship suffered by the agricultural population owing to the deplorable delay on the part of Government in passing final orders or in giving full effect to the unanimous recommendations submitted by the Minor Irrigation Committee. This is not a subject covered by the Rule on adjournment motions. It is not a matter of recent occurence. I disallow it.

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